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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The claims continue to be rejected over the single reference to Matthies, but this time under Section 103. It is believed to be virtually impossible to substantiate a single reference 103 rejection. Necessarily, the office action must concede something is missing from the reference. Necessarily, the office action must concede that there is no suggestion in the single cited reference to supply that missing element. Therefore, necessarily, there cannot be a proper basis to show, not only the missing elements, but also the rationale to modify to achieve those elements.

This case does not appear to be an exception to that general rule. Namely, the rationale to modify is no where suggested within the Matthies reference itself. There is no reason from within the reference to modify the electrical connector of Matthies to achieve the claimed invention.

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